

SECOND SECTION.

Beneficiary Board Knights of Pythias Meet in Third Quarterly Session at Kansas City—Fine Showing Made for Order.

The members of the the beneficiary board assembled in Kansas City, Missouri, last Saturday, April 24th, for the purpose of holding its third quarterly session for the Pythian year and to adjust and pay all claims against the beneficiary department. The full board consisting of Grand Chancellor, A. W. Lloyd, Grand Keeper of Records and Seals, W. T. Ansell; Grand Treasurer, J. B. Coleman, and Grand Attorney, L. A. Knox.

Wonderful Progress.

The report showed over \$11,000 collected for the quarter, and whereas, \$5,500.00 was paid out as claims. A surplus of \$30,000.00, which with the property owned at St. Louis, brings the total assets of the Grand Lodge well above \$55,000.00. The collections for the year up to the present time is over \$50,000.00, and before the close of the year it will reach a sum well nigh \$50,000.00. Last year alone the membership of this progressive and growing institution was augmented by one thousand and it is confidently expected to exceed this number in the present year. This is clearly indicated by the fact that between seventy-five and one hundred applications are now pouring into the home office at St. Louis every week. When a retrospect is taken through nineteen years to the time when Mr. Lloyd was elected Grand Chancellor in this city at 1734 Grand avenue, the above figures denote a most wonderful progress indeed.

Little Acorn Becomes Gigantic Oak. In the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and eighty-three, Pride of



Grand Chancellor A. W. Lloyd.

the West Lodge was organized and for the next eighteen years it was a struggle and a hard road for Pythianism.

This was revealed by the fact that up to 1901 the membership was about 560 for the entire jurisdiction, held in sixteen lodges, six of which were in St. Louis and one in Kansas City. Lilly Lodge No. 8, which is the oldest Kansas City subordinate had a membership of about sixteen at that time. Today St. Louis has twenty-one lodges with a membership of over two thousand and Kansas City twelve lodges with a membership of over fifteen hundred, while the lodges in the state combined with those in the two metropolises just mentioned embrace a membership of approximately 8,800.

Our Auxiliaries.

As spend as the foregoing stories, it doesn't half spell the progress or portray the spirit of this splendid institution. The Court of Calanthe composed of the sisterhood of the Order has done so much to give it strength and inspiration that it is absolutely impossible to think of the organization without including these as an integral part. The Grand Court for the past ten years so ably presided over by Mrs. Bertha T. Buckner ranks among the strongest in the country and gives splendid evidence every day of its future prosperity and greatness, and equally as important in this connection is that of our splendid military department which has been under the guiding genius and direction of General Wm. H. Butler of St. Louis, for the past ten or twelve years. Gen. Butler has put Missouri on the map in the military department in a most pronounced and emphatic manner. Missouri's military bands and uniform department plays a conspicuous part in every city where the Supreme Lodge and Supreme Encampment meet.

Grand Session in Kansas City in July 27th to 31st.

Kansas City, just now from a Pythian standpoint is warming up to a white heat. The Grand Lodge, the Grand Court and the Uniform Department will all hold their annual session in Kansas City, beginning July 26th, and extending up to the 31st. Great preparations are being made by the lodges, courts and companies to entertain the visiting fraters and sisters at the coming session. As is characteristic of Kansas City Pythians nothing will be left undone either for the convenience or entertainment of the visitors to make the coming session enjoyable, beneficial and uplifting.

The Grand Encampment.

During the past year the military department has enjoyed an unusual growth and many companies all over the state have been organized. About one month ago General Butler was in Kansas City and organized Perseverance Lance Co. "I." An unusual

attraction this year at the Grand session will be the grand encampment which will go into camp on the 26th and will every day until the close of the session give exhibitions of that military prowess and genius for which this organization has become especially famous. The session this year promises to be the greatest in the history of the organization and from the interest already awakened all over the state, will bring thousands of visitors to Kansas City. Merchants, business men, professional men and citizens of Kansas City, who are famous for hospitality are preparing to receive them and give them a royal welcome when they come.

A DELIGHTFUL BANQUET.

A most delightful and enjoyable banquet was tendered Prof. J. R. E. Lee, principal of Lincoln High School, by "his boys" as the bunch of men who accompanied him on the Southern tour delight to call themselves (although several are older than Mr. Lee), at the Paseo Y. M. C. A. last Saturday night at 9 o'clock. The party that accompanied Mr. Lee is as follows:

Dr. E. C. Bunch, dentist; Mr. C. H. Calloway, attorney; Mr. N. C. Crews, editor Kansas City Sun; Mr. L. S. Jefferson, lunch room; Dr. H. M. Smith, physician, superintendent County Home; Mr. H. L. Kinsler, real estate; Mr. T. B. Watkins, undertaker; Dr. T. A. Jones, physician; Dr. S. H. Thompson, physician, superintendent Douglass Hospital; Dr. D. M. Miller, physician; Mr. J. D. Bowser, real estate; Mr. N. D. Brascher, editor-in-chief Associated Press, Chicago; Dr. E. B. Ramsey, physician; Mr. S. R. Hopkins, real estate; Rev. J. W. Hulse, minister; Dr. J. E. Perry, physician, superintendent of Wheatley-Provident Hospital; Mr. F. A. Harris, Y. M. C. A. secretary; Mr. Martin Young, barber shop, cafe; Mr. H. B. Moore, undertaker; Dr. J. H. Williams, physician; Judge I. F. Bradley, attorney; Rev. C. C. Calloway, minister; Mr. James E. Miller, photographer; Mr. George McClelland, real estate; Mr. Willis Allen, druggist; Mr. A. J. Neely, supervisor of public schools, Kansas City, Kas.; Mr. J. R. E. Lee.

While a most delightful menu was being served brief, witty, interesting talks were made by the various members of the delegation and a toast in pure-cold-Missouri River water was drunk to Mr. N. D. Brascher, of the Associated Negro Press of Chicago, who was unable to be present, but whom all agreed was one of the jolliest and most entertaining members of the party and who kept the bunch full of pep and good cheer with his laconic "he's a good boy, but a poor boy," throughout the entire trip. At the conclusion of the banquet, Mr. Lee was presented on behalf of the delegation by Editor Crews with a beautiful engraved silver headed cane to which he replied in the most feeling and earnest manner. The banquet board was graced by the wives and lady friends of the delegation and the program lasted until the wee small hours when all left for home declaring Mr. Lee the most valuable man that has been added to the Race in this community in recent years.

The menu is as follows:

Grapefruit, Atlanta Style
Chicken a la Memphis
Montgomery Sweet Potatoes
Birmingham Salad
Lee Waffles
Tuskegee Ice Cream
Chattanooga Cake
Louisville Coffee
St. Louis Mints.

Mrs. Helen Campbell, 71 years of age, died after a long illness at the residence of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Melford, 2393 Vine street, last Sunday and the body was taken Thursday to St. Louis, Mo., for burial. Mrs. Campbell lived here for several years, then going to Maryville, Mo., where she made her home for about seven years with some of her children who lived there, returning here sometime ago to make her home with her son-in-law and daughter. She leaves five children—Mrs. Lillie Melford, at whose home she died; Mrs. Elizabeth Vance of Omaha, Neb.; Mrs. Katie Baker and William Campbell of Maryville, Mo.; and Samuel Campbell of St. Louis. She was for many years a member of the A. M. E. Church and her funeral was held from her old church, Jones' Chapel, St. Louis, Mo.

If Arthur Brisbane, the eminent editor of metropolitan dailies, is quoted correctly in his declaration, "Frederick Douglass was too white to have his name added to the Hall of Fame list as a Negro," one is reminded of the Son of Erin who, hearing Douglass deliver one of his Philipian exclamations: "An' you sa he half Naggur; faith, what would he have done if he had been a whole Naggur?" Mr. Brisbane may be too young to know that Mr. Douglass was born a slave, that his speeches that charmed as well as convinced, were those of a Negro (whose diplomas were scars on his back) against Negro slavery and proscriptions, that after emancipation he was subjected to all the indignities that members of the Race of his father delight to heap upon the defenseless people of the Race of his mother.

WILLIAM H. DAWLEY, JR.



PROF. J. R. E. LEE.

Who is proving an indispensable factor in the social and civic life of the Colored people of the two Kansas Cities.

ON THE WING.

Two Pictures by Contrast of the South
By J. Dallas Bowser.

I have already written of certain odious Jim Crow discriminations observed on the recent Southern tour by our party of twenty-seven business and professional men of Greater Kansas City; separate ticket windows and waiting rooms for Colored persons in railway stations; Colored persons forbidden in parks; separate cars on the streets and railroads; exclusion of Colored persons from public libraries, and in not 1 of the 10 large cities we visited did we see a Negro policeman.

We learned, as has every intelligent reader by this time, of the sentence of six months in jail and a fine of \$200.00 of E. R. Franklin of Jackson, Miss., for selling the Crisis magazine as a result of a law passed by that city to stop the circulation of papers charged with agitating social equality.

As a rule, we found the school-houses provided for Colored children a disgrace to modern civilization, the teachers paid starvation wages and the school terms shorter, all as compared with the whites. I shall speak of some noted exceptions in future articles.

Discriminations against Negro laborers were equally in evidence. In a certain industry where two thousand Negroes are employed, their wages as compared to white working men follow: In Class A, skilled labor where Colored men receive \$4.50, white men are paid \$7.50 per day; \$27.00 per week to Colored and \$45.00 to whites; in class B, unskilled labor, the pay for Colored men averages \$3.75 per day and for whites \$7.00, or \$22.50 per week and \$42.00, respectively. In the mines, skilled Colored pit men receive 42c per hour as foremen, while white foremen are paid 75c for the same work.

As a result of these discriminations, and other humiliations and outrages, caravans of Colored people are in constant pilgrimage to Northern cities and farms. As long as a laborer in the South, on a plantation receives only \$1.00 to \$2.00 per day, learns that in the North he can get \$3.00 to \$5.00 a day, he will naturally desire to go where the largest pay can be obtained.

The Tennessee Coal and Iron Company at Birmingham, Ala., has adopted a more humane plan to protect their plant from scarcity of labor and for the fair treatment of its laborers in all respects. For the proper housing of its 3,500 Negro laborers, it has erected seven hundred three to four or more room cottages, neat as to pattern and up-to-date as to appointments, for which only a nominal rent is charged, sufficient to cover repairs and interest upon the investment. Tennis courts, playgrounds and parks for ball games and public drills are provided. Model school houses and efficient, well paid teachers are employed and in addition a public auditorium.

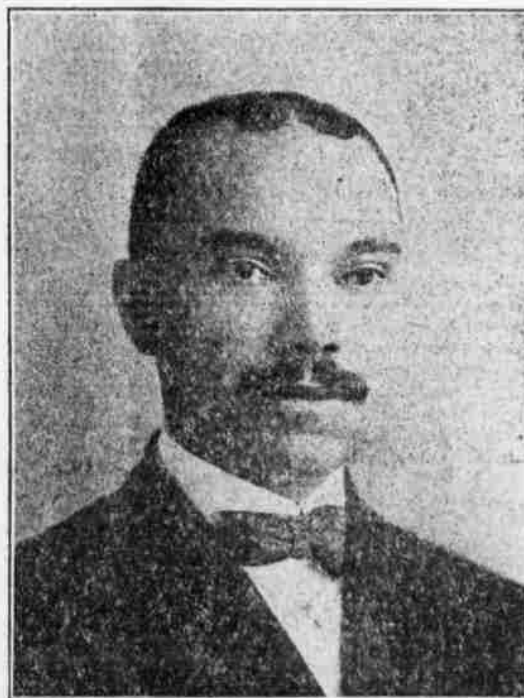
It was at the Million Dollar Hospital of this company that a square deal in equity for both races was one of the most charming scenes in our journey through the South. Here was a building large, commodious, located

on a commanding elevation that took in the surrounding country with a spacious hallway dividing it into two equal parts; the one side for whites, the other for Colored patients, each half absolutely equally fitted as to furniture, pictures, beds, operating rooms and the like and attending nurses and in training all Colored women. It only needed the addition of Negro physicians and surgeons to assist the white physicians which in the near future will doubtless be an added feature of this hospital to make it one of the most complete institutions for afflicted humanity in all our land. This company treated our traveling group to a barbecue feast on its picnic grounds provided for its workmen.

MORE ANON.



Say, Miss Betty: Dey say dot de recital by dat Miss Andrews, de Denver nightingale, is gwine to be de fines' ever heard in dis ole town. So you be ready on time, as it starts at 8:30 p. m. an' dey do say eberbody is gwine to be dere. I'll sho be ready, Mr. Sam.



MR. T. B. WATKINS.

Who had charge of the transportation arrangements for the party who recently toured the South, and who made the trip one continued pleasure for all those in the party.

Lodge Directory

A. F. & A. M., Missouri Jurisdiction

Officers for 1920.

Grand Master—Crittenden C. Clark, St. Louis.
Deputy Grand Master—Charles B. Colvinton, Louisiana.
Senior Grand Warden—J. R. A. Crossland, St. Joseph.
Junior Grand Warden—Eugene Lacey, Kansas City.
Grand Treasurer—Harry H. Walker, St. Joseph.
Grand Secretary—Leon Hill, Booneville.
Secretary of Relief—Willis G. Mosely, Kansas City.
Grand Lecturer, First District—P. L. Pratt, Cameron.
Grand Lecturer, Second District—E. J. Cooper, Mexico.
Member Board of Relief—K. D. Smith, De Soto.
Member Board of Relief—George Renfro, Mt. Vernon.
Grand Chaplain—W. H. Botts, Omaha.
Next place of meeting, Joplin, Mo.

OFFICERS OF GRAND CHAPTER, R. A. M.

Missouri and Jurisdiction, 1920.
A. L. Thomas, Grand High Priest, Jefferson City, Mo.
J. P. Moffett, G. King, Sedalia, Mo.
S. A. May, G. Scribe, St. Louis, Mo.
E. S. Baker, G. Secretary, Kansas City, Mo.
Geo. Broomfield, Grand Treas., St. Louis, Mo.
I. H. Bradbury, Grand Lecturer, St. Louis, Mo.

OFFICERS OF GRAND COMMANDERY, K. T.

Missouri and Jurisdiction, 1918-1919.

Jose H. Sherwood, R. E. G. C., St. Paul, Minn.
G. Washington Lewis, D.E.G.C., St. Louis, Mo.
C. Brasfield, E.G.C., Kansas City, Mo.
B. F. Graves, E.G.C., General, St. Joseph, Mo.
E. G. S. W.—Sir George C. Coles, E. G. J. W.—Sir J. T. Ferrell, Sedalia.
E. G. Prelate—Sir George Brown, St. Louis.
E. G. Treasurer—Sir S. Winston, Kansas City.
E. G. Recorder—Sir A. G. Butler, St. Joseph.

Rene Lodge No. 25, A. F. and A. M., meets the 1st and 3rd Monday in each month. All Master Masons in good standing welcome. H. L. Kinsley, W. M.; C. H. Countess, Sec'y.

Liberty Lodge No. 37, A. F. and A. M., meets the 1st and 3rd Monday in each month. All Master Masons in good standing welcome. Nelson Waller W. M.; Robert Dodd, Sec'y.

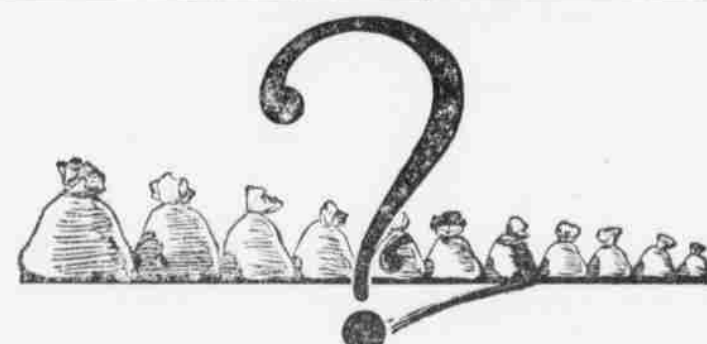
St. Stephens Chapter No. 27, Royal Arch Masons, Liberty Mo. Meets first Tuesday in each month. Nelson Waller W. M.; Robinson, Recorder.

St. Matthew Commandery No. 17, Liberty, Mo., meets the third Saturday night V. T. Starks, E. C.; W. M. Robinson, Rec. Sec'y.



DR. E. C. BUNCH.

Who was the very pleasing Master of Ceremonies at the banquet tendered Prof. J. R. E. Lee at the Y. last Saturday night.



How much should I give to make this a better world?

A CERTAIN man in New York filed out his income tax report.

It showed an income so large that his tax was 53%. And his total gifts to church and charity for the year were \$148.

Think of it—thousands spent for luxuries and pleasure for himself; and \$148 to leave the world a little better than he found it!

Most of us do better than that; but not so very much better.

Our average daily gift for all church causes is

- less than we spend for daily papers
- less than a local telephone call
- less than a third of the day's car fare
- less than 3 cents a day

No wonder that 80% of the ministers of America are paid less than \$20 a week. No wonder that the church hospitals turn away thousands of sick people a year. No wonder that China has only one doctor for every 400,000 people. No wonder that every church board and charity society is forever meeting deficits, forever passing the hat.

It isn't because we are selfish; it isn't because we don't want to help. It's just because no one has ever put up a great big program to us, and asked us to think of the work of the church in a systematic businesslike way.

The Interchurch World Movement represents the united program of thirty denominations. They have surveyed their whole task, no business could have done it better.

They have budgeted their needs; no business could have a more scientific budget. They have united to prevent the possibility of waste and duplication. At least a million dollars will be saved by the fact that thirty individual campaigns are joined in one united effort.

And they come to the men or women who love America—to you—this week asking you to use them as the channel through which a certain definite part of your income can be applied to make this a better world.

Only you can determine what part of your income that should be.

It's a good time right now to answer that question. We're passing through the world just once; how much better will the world be because you passed through?

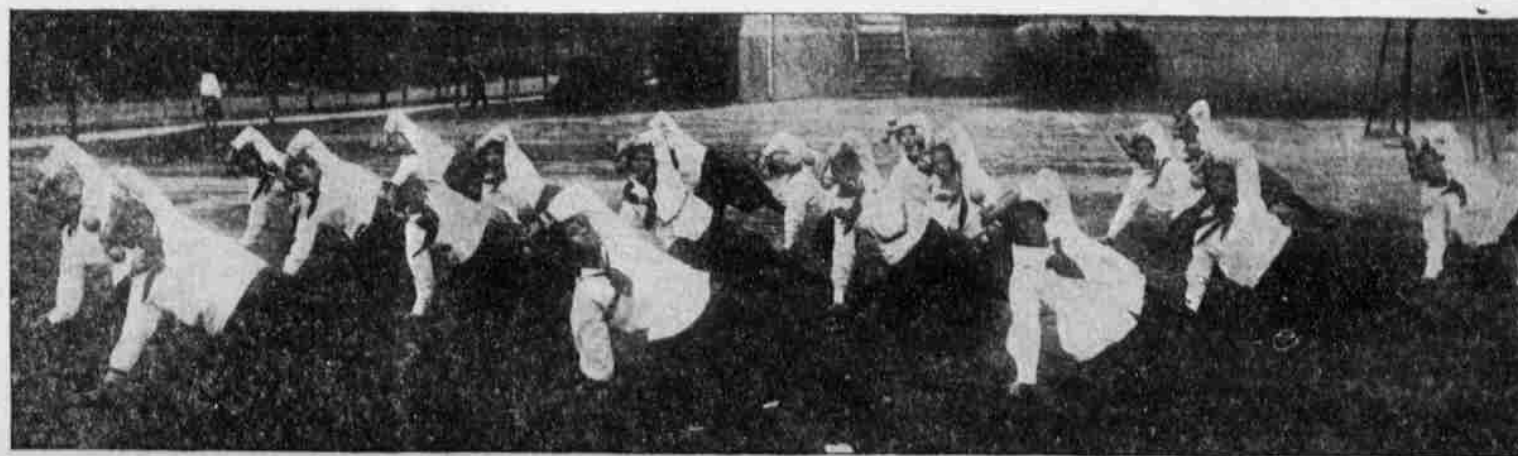
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A group of Lincoln High School Girls in the great Physical Training Exhibition at Convention Hall next Friday night, May 7.